

PROTOCOLS FOR IMPORTING PET RABBITS INTO SOUTH AFRICA

Veterinary Health Requirements for the export of lagomorphs

A State Veterinarian, authorized thereto by the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country, must provide a certificate which certifies that each animal:

1. Originated from a premises which are not under any veterinary restriction due to diseases of lagomorphs;
2. Originated from a premises where no cases of Myxomatosis, Tularemia or Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease occurred during the past twelve (12) months;
3. Were kept isolated from lagomorphs of a lesser or unknown disease status for 60 days prior to importation under veterinary supervision in an insect protected environment;
4. Were tested serologically for the following diseases:
 - i) Myxomatosis by serology
 - a) with negative results onor
 - b) was vaccinated against Myxomatosis on
and two serological tests taken 30 days apart, demonstrated a stable titre
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Second test date.....Titre.....
 - ii) Tularaemia by FAT with negative results;
 - iii) Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease by haemagglutination inhibition test or ELISA
 - a) with negative results onor
 - b) was vaccinated against Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease on and two serological tests taken 30 days apart, demonstrated a stable titre
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5. Were treated for internal and external parasites with approved remedies within 7 days of shipment.

6. Were examined on the day of shipment and were found to be free from signs of infectious or contagious diseases and fit to travel.
7. Were placed in sealed insect protected containers with seal numbers
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